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the place away from said transmission to which said by-product gas is directed is [the] a catalytic converter.

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-- 68. A method for controlling oxidative degradation of an oleaginous liquid substance in a generally enclosed space in a working machine having moving parts in the generally enclosed space, which comprises providing said oleaginous liquid substance; and blanketing said oleaginous liquid substance in said space with an inert gas blanket to control oxidative degradation of said oleaginous liquid substance.

REMARKS

Please reconsider and further examine this application.

The present amendment more particularly points out and distinctly claims the invention, and it is fully supported by the underlying specification. No new matter is entered hereby.

Hereby, claims 62, 63, 66 & 67 are formally amended to split apart Markush groups, and claim 68 is added. Claims 16, 17, 19, 20, 39, 42, 43, 46, 47, 50 & 61-68 are present.

Twenty-one total claims are present. Although six independent claims, Nos. 16, 50, 61, 64, 65 & 68, are present, five independent claims were paid for with the last amendment. Accordingly, the fee of \$49.00 (Ck. #126) is submitted herewith.

For the convenience of the Examiner, the claims remaining in the present application and not amended hereby are listed as follows:

16. A method for controlling oxidative degradation of an oleaginous liquid substance in a generally enclosed, vented space in a working machine, which comprises providing said working machine having said space; providing said oleaginous liquid substance; and blanketing said oleaginous liquid substance in said space with an inert gas blanket to control oxidative degradation of said oleaginous liquid substance.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein said oleaginous liquid substance is selected from the group consisting of an oil and a transmission fluid, and said machine is selected from the group consisting of a transmission box, a gear box that is not a transmission box, and an internal combustion engine having a crankcase for holding a supply of lubricant and wherein said oleaginous substance is present in the crankcase as the lubricant.